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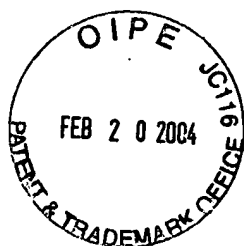
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ANNEALING METHOD, AND MANUFACTURING

METHOD OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE



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) Examiner: Alexander G. Ghyka

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The Notice of Allowability did not, however, include an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 8, 2004, which was stamped as received by the PTO on January 16, 2004. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the IDS of January 8, 2004 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.

If a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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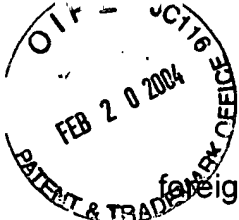
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant submits herewith a Form PTO-1449 listing references known to Applicant and requests that these references be made of record in the above identified application. Copies of the references listed are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

Except as provided below, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), it is certified that either (1) each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement, or (2) no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart

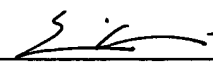


foreign patent application and no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

U.S. Patent No. 6,054,739 is in the family of CN-1131341. This U.S. patent was not directly cited by the Chinese Patent Office, but is submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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